

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS: On p. 12 for new players; on p. 10 for everybody.

GRAUSTARK

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1970BN

"Spring 1902"

ITALIANS ENTER VIENNA

ENGLAND (Alta): A Norw-Swe; F Lon-Eng; F North Sea S F Lon-Eng; F Liv-Irl.

FRANCE (Robert Miller): F Bro-Mid; A Far-Bur; A Bel S A Mar S A Far-Bur.

GERMANY (Salcedo): A Mun-Rum; A Hol S A Mun-Rum; F Den-Bel; A Bel-Mun; A Bur-Mun.

ITALY (Model): A Tri-Vie; A Tyr S A Tri-Vie; A Ven-Tri; F Nap-Ion; F Tun S F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Grayson): A Bud-Vie; F Alb-Tri; A Ser S F Alb-Tri.

RUSSIA (Buchanan): F Bot-Swe; A Sil-Fin; A Ukr-Rum; F Bla S A Ukr-Rum.

TURKEY (Barents): A Arm-Smy; F Smy-Bas; A Bul S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Rum; F Gen-Aog.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany must retreat A Bur-Ges or -Pic; the direction of this retreat should be sent to the Gamesmaster by IMMEDIATE RETURN AIR MAIL. He will then inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 MARCH 1971.

ST. PETERSBURG (1 Mar. 1902): When Vladimir was asked about the unexpected setback on the German front he replied, "We kept the Cossacks in the rear last time." The Cossack leader, Taras Mikhailich, was then brought to him, whereon Vladimir pointed to the German borders and said, "Kill, kill!"

ISSHNEHAL KEF (THEIR): The 1st Annual Higher Than Then Race was held today sponsored by the Higher Than Then Press. The winner was Ismael Goykion. This full blooded Arab stayed up for 29 hrs 2 in 43 and on one misgum mint shot of 100 grade lisc. 10.541 watch this holy man (continued in next column)

1970BQ

"Spring 1902"

RUSSIANS TAKE CONTROL OF BLACK SEA

ENGLAND (Boshako): F Bot-Eng; F Liv-Irl; F Norwegian Sea-North Atlan-tic; F Lon-North Sea; A Norw-Bur.

FRANCE (Trotter): A Pic-Bel; A Far-Bur; A Spa-Ges; F Wes-Mid.

GERMANY (G. Jones): A Mun-Tyr; A Ser-Mun; A Bur-Bur; A Hol-Bel; F Den-North Sea.

ITALY (Gletty): A Tri-Bud; A Ven-Tri; A Tyr S A Ven-Tri; F Tun-Ion; F Nap-Ach.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Mlachel): A Vie S GERMAN A Mun-Tyr; A Gal-Bud; A Ser-Tri; F Gre-Alb.

RUSSIA (Childers): F Rum-Elas; F Sev S F Rum-Elas; A Ukr S F Sev; A Liv-Mos; F Bot-Swe.

TURKEY (Vest): F Bla-Sev; A Arm S F Bla-Sev; F Gen-Aog; A Bul S AUSTRIA-HUNGARIAN A Gal-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey must retreat F Bla-Con or -ank, and Italy must retreat A Tyr-Bot or -Pic. The direction of this retreat should be sent to the Gamesmaster by IMMEDIATE RETURN AIR MAIL. He will then inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 MARCH 1971. Press releases begin on p. 9.

reach for the heavens.

EUROPE: The Hisha crop was destroyed as locust devoured it. Though there aren't any more locust as they went to high. Didn't know what hit them, were drifting over in to Russia to feed there with the Turks close in chase as the people were left low. Masha call it the greatest crisis of his kingdom & sent an arm to get the locust to eat so that the people will be happy again.

1970E

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"Spring 1910"

ITALIAN OCCUPATION OF FRANCE COMPLETE

The English removal of "A Yor" in the last issue was incorrect, as no such unit exists. Accordingly the Gamesmaster removed F Fin instead.

ENGLAND (Glotty): F Irt S GERMAN F Eng; F Norway-Swe; F Cly-North Atlantic; F Norwegian Sea S F Cly-North Atlantic; A Liv-Edi.

GERMANY (Tang): A Pic holds; F Eng S A Pic; A Ruh-Bur; F Kie S RUSSIAN A Ber.

ITALY (Boshara): F Gro-Aog; A Nap-Gre; F Ion C A Nap-Gre; F Rom-Tyr; A Ven-Tri; A Mun-Bur; A Mar S A Mun-Bur; A Tyr-Mun; A Sil S A Tyr-Mun; A Gal-Bud; A Scr-Bud; A Par-Pic; F Bre S A Par-Pic; F Mid-Eng; F Gas-Mid.

RUSSIA (Burley): A St.P-Fin; A Mos-St.P; A Liv S A Mos-St.P; A Rum-Bul; A Con S A Rum-Bul; F Bla-Bul; A Sev-Arm; A War-Pru; A Ukr-War; A Ber-Kie.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Pic-Bel. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 MARCH 1971.

KIEI: An Imperial press conference was heard throughout Europe today over Radio Free Germany. "Germany's position is now impregnable," said the Kaiser in a thundering voice. "Maybe," said the Kaiser in a small voice. When asked if there is any truth to the rumor that Italy would win the war unless Russia stopped the Green Plague, he replied, "That reminds me about this one time in..."

VIENNA: The People implore the Czar to free them of the phosphates from Italy, which have turned the blue Danube green.

ESSEN: Free the Southeast Four! Prussia, Berlin, Silesia, and Munich!

LONDON (2 Jan. 1910): The King today announced that he had stupidly written Yer instead of Liv. A therefore militarily sound position has been transformed into a disaster. Also the postal service was blamed for previous late moves.

1970J

"Spring 1910"

WESTERN POWERS TAKE BERLIN

Following "Fall 1909" moves England built F Edi and A Liv, Italy built A Ven, Turkey built F Sny, and Germany removed F Hol and F Bar.

ENGLAND (Richard Miller): F Yor-North Sea; A Edi-Norwegian Sea; A Liv-Edi; A Kie-Ber; A Pol holds; F Norway S RUSSIAN A St.P.

FRANCE (Loone): F North Sea-Ska; F Norwegian Sea-Bar; F Spa(n.c.) holds; A Hol-Kie; A Ruh S A Hol-Kie; A Mun S ENGLISH A Kie-Ber; A Gal S ITALIAN A Bud-Rum.

GERMANY (Burley): No moves received. A Den, A Sil, A War & A Fin hold.

ITALY (Comber): A Scr-Gre; A Alb S A Scr-Gre; F Ion-Aog; F Atr-Ion; F Tyr S F Atr-Ion; A Ven-Tri; A Bud-Rum; A Vie S FRENCH A Gal.

RUSSIA (Grayson): A St.P holds.

TURKEY (Alta): A Mos-St.P; A Rum & A Gre hold; A Ukr & F Sev S A Rum; A Bul S A Gre; F AOG S A Gre; F Sny-Eas.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 MARCH 1971. Herb Barants should submit standby moves for Germany.

"Spring 1904"

THERE'LL ALWAYS BE AN ENGLAND

ENGLAND (Loaky): F. Mi-Sly.

FRANCE (Mischel): F. Lyo-Wes; F. Tux S F. Lyo-Mon; F. Mar-Lon; A. Gas-Mia; A. Fur-Bur; F. Eng-North Sea; F. Lly-Clx; A. Mar-Ly.

GERMANY (Birman): A. Sil-Fru; A. Rio-Bor; A. Mun S A. Kie-Bor; A. Dan-Kie; F. North Sea-Dan.

ITALY (Donbar): F. Ton-Map; F. Tux-Lon; A. Ven-Tux; A. Bar holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Meredberg): A. Tri-Tyr; A. Vio-Sch; A. Bud-Gal; A. Ser-Bal; A. Bul-Rum; F. Gro-Ion.

RUSSIA (Shuldiner): A. Can-Say; A. Arm S A. Con-Say; F. Ank holds; F. Swe-Bal; A. Fin-Swe; A. Norway S A. Fin-Swe; F. St. F(n.c.) S A. Norway; A. Pru-War.

TURKEY (Borann): A. Sly holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats A. Bar-Sil and Turkey retreats A. Sly-Syr. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 29 MARCH 1971.

PARIS: The French Government publicly denounces the joint Russo-Italian attack on Berlin and will back all German attempts to recover it and all German reprisals against the belligerents. In addition, the Government requests formal recognition of Tunis as French territory. Recognition may be public or private. Since the French and Italian Governments have broken off diplomatic ties, Italian recognition of Tunis will be considered a nation per se.

WEATHER REPORT (Boobs Fives - All the Weather News Sexy Enough to Print): Wales, frigid. Yorkshire, youthful bodies squirming on the sunny male benches, air quality sticky. St. Petersburg, impacted by tidal waves. Barants Son, nice broods for voyeurs. Prussia, Moldore, businessmen say what this province needs is a good five cent fuck.

1970W

"Spring 1906"

ITALIAN ARVIES SWALLOW CHAMPAGNE, BOURBON, AND BURGUNDY

ENGLAND (Walker): F. Lon-North Sea; F. Cly S FRENCH F. North Atlantic-Norwegian Sea.

FRANCE (Vest): A. Hol-Kie; A. Ruh S A. Hol-Kie; A. Bur-Mun; F. North Atlantic-Norwegian Sea; F. Mar-Pic; F. Spa(s.c.)-Mid; F. Lyo-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Macallum): F. Der-Hal; F. Kie holds.

ITALY (Ward): A. Mun-Bur; A. Gas S A. Mun-Bur; A. Ven-Pic; F. Tyr-Lyo; F. Wes S F. Tyr-Lyo; F. Tun-North Africa; F. Ion-Tun; A. Tyr-Mun; A. Rom-Ven; A. Nam-Rom; A. Ank-Say; F. Say-Aeg; A. Bud holds; A. Tri-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Balcedo): F. St. F(n.c.)-Norway; F. Swe-SK; A. Norway-Swe; A. Sov. & A. Sil hold; A. Bar S GERMANY F. Kie; A. Sil S A. Bar [sic]; A. Mos-War; A. Pru not ordered, holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. France must retreat A. Bur-Bel, -Pic, or -Par; the direction of this retreat is to be sent by IMMEDIATE RETURN AIR MAIL to the Gamester, who will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 27 MARCH 1971. Press releases begin on p. 6.

Hal Maus was given the wrong telephone number in the last issue's directory; it is actually 714-420-4237. And some subscriptions have been extended: Kenneth Sower's to 255 and Dave King's to 240. The issue with which a paid subscription expires is on the upper right corner of the address label.

1970M

STOMPING CONTINUES

"Winter 1908"

Following "Fall 1908" moves Turkey reverts to Tri-Sor.

FRANCE (Strayer): Builds T Bro, A Par, A Mar. TURKEY (Burley): Removes A Vie.

The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NCN, SATURDAY 27 MARCH 1971.

PARIS (2 Oct. 1908): A beautiful form glided through the Royal Palace hallway which led to the chamber of King Leroy the Boy. It was Lucretia Borgia, looking every bit as breathtakingly gorgeous as Galadriel herself.

Arriving at Leroy's chamber door Lucretia boldly turned the knob and gleefully bounded into the room...only to find Leroy chatting with a rather handsome looking young stranger. "Shriek! Leroy!! It's...it's...uh, good to see you again. You are Leroy, aren't you?"

"Course I be Leroy," came the answer. "Oh, by the way," said Leroy, "do you know my friend here?"

"No. But by the look of him I should have liked to have encountered him before. Who are you, stranger?"

Smiling brightly the stranger replied, "My, We are Pope Desperatus, my dear."

"Gasp! How did you...er, how have you come to look so young and vibrant?"

"Well," explained His vibrant Holiness, "after you left me some two hours ago I came here to visit Leroy. Right away I noticed a swelling in his neck and, knowing a bit of medicine, I looked down His Majesty's throat in search of symptoms of some sort. I guess I just stuck my finger a little too far down his throat. The remainder of the story is a bit gross, but I'm sure you can pick up the pieces, so to speak."

PARIS (via Rome): Since the failure of the "Borgia Drug Plot" to seize the French throne, the capital of France has been more than ordinarily tense. The Pope spends most of His time reading train schedules out of Paris and making discreet bribes. Lucretia has become a leader of the FemLib movement, and spends most of her time leading her followers in raids on male establishments and in plotting against King Leroy. King Leroy has surrounded Himself with Ethiopian guards, panthers, and rabid dachshunds and cocker spaniels. An air of suspicion hangs over the city like a London fog. Three attempts have been made to assassinate the King. All have failed. Fifteen attempts have been made to seduce the Pope. All have succeeded. Lucretia, with her youth now restored, has fallen back into her old habits. Current box score: 15 Germans, 112 Frenchmen, 96 English, 235 Nubians, 77 Senegalese, 666 Baptists, 80 Bantu, 1 pygmy, 915 Italians, 1003 Spaniards, 3 Russians, 1 Turk (he was a monarchist), 273 Nigerians, 25 Ashanti, 75 Mahomans, 5 Poruvians, 890 American tourists, 3 Coripi, 1 Mahar, 1 Martian, 12 Pederkaggians, 1 Swede, the Philadelphia Athletics, the Harlem Globetrotters, President Taft, King Leroy, Pope Desperatus, Raja Karnasutra IX, Kaiser Herb, Sultan Brian ben-Siddah, Anton Rubinstein, Fritz Kreisler, Aubrey Beardsley, George Bernard Shaw, Gustav Mahler, Richard Strauss, Vladimir Lenin, Rasputin, King Edward, Winston Churchill, Bertrand Russell, Jean Sibelius, Pandit the Bardit, and something named SsssSs-sS-sS-sSSSSss. Now, next week....

TRIESTE: "THAT TRAMP TRAMP THE BOYS ARE MARCHING" greeted the non of the 55th div as they moved into Trieste & Boor garden #322. The Biggest surprise was the Kaiser himself! "Non!" he said "I took to that machine just to get away from the damn Birds that were after me. I landed in Turkey, there was some dope there and he wanted my PR man so I left him there and came back to your non." From the distance "The Birds are coming" BANG ZANG ZAP PAT BOOM! What hap....

ST. PETERSBURG: All available units are being collected to meet the expected onslaught of the Pollutidarcans. Envoys of peace are welcomed. It is hoped that Honj the Hony and his compatriots from the underworld Pollute can be deferred from their rapacious European venture. Maybe they can visit North America?

BORDEAUX (15 Oct. 1908): The townfolk of this seacoast city were flabbergasted this evening by the sight of "hairy, unclad non" following the sun westward into the Bay of Biscay. Where they came from nobody knew. People just looked on in awe as the hairy non kept right on following the sun, chanting "Par-rissi!...Par-rissi!....(glubi)....Par-rissi!....(gurlol)....."

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

ROBERT J. WARD, Apt. 7, 2421 P Street, Sacramento, Calif. 95816: I find your analysis of the conservative position in *National Review* (see GRANTHAM #230, p. 11) interesting but unfair and superficial on about three points. First, you miss the disparity among Conservative thought. There has been, and still is in this country, a dualism within the Conservative movement. One side is that of European Conservatives, basically authoritarian thought. This side places the prime stress on order, with or without law, and is usually represented in the pages of *National Review* by von Mises, von Hayek, and occasionally by L. Brent Bowell. The other mainstream position is a libertarian conservative position philosophically derived from 18th century Liberalism. This places major stress on the individual, limiting of state power, and tends in its extreme manifestations towards anarchism. This position is more usually expressed by publications of the International Society of Individualists (which I understand has recently seen the inconsistency of a "society" of individualists and named itself). The exponent in the pages of *National Review* is Russell Kirk (in position) and a Meyers whose first name escapes me at the moment.

((He is one of the men named Frank Meyer who write for conservative publications. One is indubitably libertarian while the other, whom I last saw in the now-defunct *National Review*, is a strong traditionalist. This is almost as bad as the two Winston Churchills of the two William Lockses. Theologically, in case of confusion, the Winston Churchill referred to in the odd passage on p. 6 is Sir Winston Spencer-Churchill, B. C., M. P., etc., etc.))

These two groups have, until recently, been held together by a common fear of Communism. Thus the individualists have brought a certain stress centered to combat the greater evil of total state centralism in Communism (their argument, not mine). The first group, while having little common ground, has agreed to support the libertarian candidate (or, e. g., Goldwater) in order to achieve a position of power within the movement. Reflection of course shows this fusion particularly in his hard anti-red foreign policy while dismantling the state at home.

((One wonders how Goldwater as President would have exemplified this "fusion" while carrying into effect his policy, declared in his last victory, of the reconquest of Africa by whites. "Dismantling the state at home" would scarcely be his way of dealing with the black revolt that this policy would produce.))

Notably however the libertarian movement has made a great many marriages of convenience with the radical left. See for example *NY* magazine of November 1970, and the two or three issues just prior. Some in fact even got involved in various Vietnam war-related activities. They have always opposed the draft as unwarranted infringement on individual rights. In time this has caused debates on the left as to whether to accept this help.

Second, your argument that *National Review* speaks for American Conservatism is suspect. ((At least it speaks for some American Conservatives than *NY*, New Individualist Review and Left & Right combined.)) Young Americans for Freedom is a Buckley organized, owned, and dominated group. Yet the conviction of a few years ago was split by this very issue, which read the conservative. (Remembering that some year the SDS convention split just as bitterly over the issue of revolutionary education versus personal revolt (i. e., hippie dropout, specifically on condemning or condoning drugs). The Conservative movement is even wider than you give it credit for. This is not so now as you might think. One of the original members of the Free Speech Coalition at Berkeley was the UC Young Republicans, then as now a conservative one indeed.

((Yes, we have them like that here too. Prof. Sidney Hook is now an outspoken defender of the rights of freedom of speech and association on college campuses, which he insists to be endangered by the peace movement. When last heard from on issues of public policy, Hook wanted to blackball all Communists from the teaching profession.))

One argument of course is that these libertarians are liberals who don't know it, but as a member of the group who objects violently to what some "liberals" self-proclaim as *NY* are doing and have said I won't buy the label.

Finally I must recall among this group of libertarian Conservatives and add as logical, philosophical, or practical inconsistency between that position and its activities in draft counseling, military counseling, McCarthy (or Goldwater) given the choice to

in 164) precinct work, and general anti-establishment-hell raising I have done. I also don't necessarily feel that my tongue has any magnetic affinity for rectums; and certainly don't feel my hands has any magnetic affinity for rectums; and certainly don't feel my mind has any magnetic affinity for rectums which seem to be the hallmark of the modern day (non-radical) liberal.

As your attack was on the bad guys within the cause I say "righton" but please don't think they are the only Conservatives out here.

At least half of the "Conservatives" in your letter column (Lindan, St. Cyr, et al. but not I suspect Walker) will of course disavow me as a Conservative.

((Walker's not a conservative; he is one of the last specimens left of the old-fashioned cold war liberal, who believes that blacks have the same right as whites to be enlisted in the crusade against the Minister Monolithic International Communist Conspiracy. Treat him gently. Only he, Joseph Alsop, and John F. Roche are left out of a once mighty horde.

((In practice, I would say that about 90% of the membership of any given conservative movement consists of traditionalists who are willing to use all the force of the state to preserve some way of life that seems desirable to them. Alliances of convenience between Traditionalist and Libertarian Conservatives occur because the former don't trust the people who presumably exert power, and the latter don't trust anybody who exerts power. When Conservatives get power, the alliance vanishes, and Libertarians form similar alliances of convenience with the liberal-to-radical groups.

((My own belief is that the state is a tool, to be judged like any other tool solely according to the use that is made of it. In 1964, when Libertarian Conservatives argued against the Civil Rights Act on the grounds that it gave too much power to the federal government, they in effect allied themselves with those who believe Negroes to be a sort of upright ape. The Libertarian who denies certain powers to the government leaves them to be exerted by private persons, unshocked by any consideration of the public good.))

JOHN A. McALLUM, Box 52, Ralston, Alberta ((In GRAUSTARK #290)) there was a letter from a would be Dippy editor and you gave him a long bit of advice on what to do to begin publishing a Dippy zine of his own. Surely advice in such cases could be readily condensed into one word: "Don't".

...There is no problem about the distress signal as far as the Union Jack is concerned as it is never used at sea, the white ensign being used on naval vessels, the red ensign on merchant vessels, etc. In Canada, of course, we have taken a still more certain method to avoid the problem - virtually all Canadian sea going vessels have been sold, so that there is nothing left that might want to hoist a distress signal. Except possibly on Bay St. or St. James St., the Toronto and Montreal equivalents of Wall St.

JOHN SALONGA, 79 Charles St., New Rochelle, N. Y. 10801 #21 was a nice issue. Just wanted to mention that in your comments in press releases (in reply to Martin) that you might have mentioned Brenton Fox Elcog's releases as some of the best. 196801 was a great game, both in how it was played and with Brenton's releases. Too bad he hasn't played in GRAL since. Walker does indeed write good releases.

I used to write up some humorous (I thought) press, but lack of time has made it impossible to keep up. It takes a lot of fun out of playing. White and I had a nice propaganda war in 1970, which rate that game a little more bearable as I didn't play too well.

GRAUSTARK is as good as over. Keep 'em coming.

1970W - KINGS REUNISES

LONDON (25 Dec. 1966): It was a bitter fable in London. The crucifixion of Prime Minister Martin was in its tenth hour when he was taken down on the orders of King-Empress Ebon. Rushed back into the courtroom, he faced the Throne Globe, which was still fairly gawking with rage. "Well, Martin, we see you have lost our Scandinavian empire."

"Yes, Your Majesty."

"And then you have had the temerity to order the decapitation of our army at Helsinki."

"Yes, Your Majesty."

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"The White House put economy ahead of good judgment in despatching only one federal plane to Memphis for Senator Russell's funeral. State Secretary Rogers, Defense Secretary Laird, CIA Director Helms and many members of the Joint Chiefs were loaded aboard the same plane. The dispatchers shuddered at the thought of what would happen if the plane should crash." - Jack Anderson, New York Post, 2 Feb. 1971

From your mouth to God's ear!

According to Harvey Mahoney, whose sterling reliability was spread abroad for all the world to see in Joe McCarthy's day, a conspiracy of agricultural chemists is now engaged in cross-pollinating marijuana with such commonly grown plants as cabbage, carrots, and corn. (Village Voice, 5 Jan. 1971) "We've all cut our long hair, and dress straight, and appear to look like Nixon's Silent Majority - and we're all, since leaving college, taken work with companies and government agencies specializing in ways of improving crop yields," said a member of this group, who uses the name "Johnny Appleseed". They hope to make it impossible for any government to destroy marijuana without also destroying all garden crops.

I am reminded of a folksong written about 5 years ago, singing the praises of a Mexican-American named "Marijuana Juan". The chorus goes:

"Marijuana Juan, he's a-traveling on,
With a crop o' happiness springin' up behind him,
That's a Marijuana Juan."

In this song, Juan is captured near Fresno by FBI and DEA men who tie him to a tree and force him to watch them putting the torch to acres and acres of his plants. Then the wind changes, the feds are all burned up, and of course, planting, sets him free, and Juan continues on his way.

This is

- A Is
- B Great
- C Interval
- D This
- E Impure
- F To
- G Inflame
- H Dedic
- I Nervous

According to a story that went into print at least to the Village Voice, a man was once watching a Communist rally when a policeman grabbed him and started to beat him. "But I'm an anti-Communist!" the man complained. "I don't care what kind of a Communist you are!" the cop replied.

This story came up to date at a performance of the Moscow Circus on Jan. 4, 1971. During the performance several demonstrators unfurled banners protesting alleged anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. The police ejected the demonstrators without arrest - though they did take in a few people who objected to the demonstration. But, as the cops were chasing the demonstrators away, one of them shouted, "Go back to Russia!"

Apparently any dissent with things-as-they-are is now regarded as Communist - even if it protests things-as-they-are in the Soviet Union! (Village Voice, 7 Jan. 1971)

According to Leonard Lyons (New York Post, 4 Jan. 1971), President Nixon will solve his Korea problem the next time a seat on the Supreme Court comes up. The seat will go to Agnew, thus getting him off the 1972 ticket without causing Agnewed ripples from the right-wing Republicans whose appetite for raw meat the Vice-President specializes in satisfying.

The Newark, Kenneth Gibson chased corruption out of City Hall and is now discovering that the city is hard pressed to operate without it." - Clark Maltzen, Village Voice, 11 Feb. 1971.

Apparently the best way to become popular with people is to club 'em over the head. Or so Mayor Lindsay has discovered. In 1965 he tried a nonviolent solution of a student strike at Columbia University, sending his police or getting to high pre-school and anti-strike students. (Village Voice, 11 Feb. 1971) Following Lindsay were Senators McCarthy, Kennedy, Johnson, and Kennedy - all of whom voted for the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution

At began the whole Vietnam mess. Further down the list came Rockefeller, Humphrey, Nixon, Reagan, Agnew, and Wallace - who have all been notoriously in support of the war.

At first glance this looks a little discouraging. However, careful reading of the format of the poll discloses that only these eleven war-lovers were on the list presented for the students' judgment. The names of such consistent opponents of the war as Wayne Morse, Cesar Chavez, Ernest Gruening, Ralph Abner, and Benjamin Spock were not included.

In the spirit of this inquiry, perhaps the next Gallup Poll will ask which among these historical figures is most highly regarded: Adolf Hitler, Heinrich Himmler, Joseph Goebbels, Hermann Goering, Jurgen Stroop, Alfred Rosenberg, and Julius Strachor.

The United Nations is currently soliciting national ratifications on a treaty banning nuclear weapons from the seabed. But the United States has refused to allow delegates of the Mongolian People's Republic to come to Washington to sign the treaty -- presumably because the Mongolian People's Republic is at least 1000 miles from the nearest seacoast.

(New York Times, 10 Feb. 1972)

A recent issue of the New York Post showed three uniformed firemen apparently hustling three bearded, long-haired men in curious costumes through a burned-out building. No, it was no arrest of hippie arsonists. There was a two-alarm fire in Rinloy's Bolivo It Or Not war museum in Times Square, and the bearded men were three apostles from a replica of the "Last Supper".

In a revealing editorial called "Defense and Smart Money" the New York Times (14 Feb. 1971) explains why the stock market rises with the prospects of peace in Vietnam. "If the President has his way the defense budget will actually be going up by \$6 billion in budget authority for military and military assistance programs in the next fiscal year ... informed investors realize that the Administration is shifting resources heavily from military manpower to hardware."

Now didn't someone say that we'd have to do without the "peace dividend"?

In his column of 12 Feb. 1971, Jack Anderson notes the presence of the following officials in the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and other "fish agencies": Fred Fish, Lee Sturgeon, Bill Salmon, Moses Pike, Richard Grekar, and Robert Follett. And why not? Congress includes Otis Pike, Edmund Muskie, John Tunney, Hamilton Fish.

In GRAUSTARK #231 there was a quiz asking readers to identify the persons who said various quoted remarks. The answers are given below; all quotes are referred to Seldes, The Great Quotations unless otherwise identified.

1. Thomas More, quoted by E. H. Carr in The Bolshevik Revolution, Vol. I.
2. Zhordania, quoted by Carr in the same book.
3. J. Edgar Hoover.
4. Joseph Goebbels.
5. Adolf Hitler. This is the one quotation whose author was not listed among the six possible alternatives.
6. John Wycliffe apparently said it first.
7. J. Pierpont Morgan, noted philosophical anarchist.
8. Marquis de Sade, in The Fanny Hill.
9. Winston Churchill, London Illustrated Sunday Herald, 8 February 1920.
10. William Bonch, referring to the 1919 American invasion of Siberia. Quoted in Seldes & Kahn, The Great Quotations.

Names of successful entrants will be printed in the next issue.

With this issue GRAUSTARK completes the brief accounts of the histories of the Four and a Half Kingdoms. In future issues, as time and space permit, the series will be continued with other items from the histories of these little-known nations, such as the Sumnerian of Julius Augustus Septentrius, the prehistorical battle of the Hohentuffin Dynasty, the legends of the Knights of the Trapezoidal Table, and the history of the 239-

"I think the only way to get an all-volunteer army is to draft it." - F. Edward Hebert, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, New York Times, 24 Feb. 1971

In GRAUSTARK #232 I spoke of a chain of command that runs from the American and Saigonese troops in Indo-China up through the President of the United States and to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This was not sarcasm but a description of how Vietnam policy is actually made. On 27 December 1965 President Johnson telephoned Washington from his ranch in Texas to ask when the pause in bombing North Vietnam is due to end. He didn't know, and had to ask someone above him in the chain of command. Details of the incident will be found in Omer Noyon's recently published book The Last Great American in Vietnam.

Back in 1909 the mad genius Benito Ito pushed a suspicious world that Japan was embarked on a policy of world conquest. One major piece of evidence for this claim was the fact that the Japanese military and naval ministries were above politics. Premiers and cabinet members might come and go, but the military complex was carrying out a policy not dependant upon changes of civil personnel or administration. The actions of the apparently direction-proof Pentagon establishment along these lines should give us pause.

GRAUSTARK announced trade relations with Earl He Lin's Entente (see #233 for details) and with The Journal, published monthly by Dale Rosewald, 290, Warrington Way, Menlo Park, Calif. 94025. The Journal has succeeded to the Diplomacy game begun in Doc Rosenberg's

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"And you have had the undignified gall to sign an alliance with the French?"

"Yes, Your Majesty."

"Well, we cannot entirely approve, hence that little token of Our Displeasure."

Mortin rubs his palms. "Yes, Your Majesty."

"Now, see about keeping the Foreign Devils out of London."

"Yes, Your Majesty."

RUMS: In a fierce series of battles the Italian 34th Infantry cracked the Champagne line today and moved into the vineyards of Burgundy. French forces are reported reeling in disorder back to Paris, saboteurs have already destroyed much of the Great shipyards, and the balance are being prepared by the French for early evacuation. It is widely rumored that the Italian General Staff expects to entrap at least two French Army this year, and to destroy the effective fighting capacity and end the war no later than next summer.

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MOSKOV: Handbills have been appearing with greater frequency in this city for the past two weeks. The latest has descended to guerrilla poetry to try helping a non-existent cause. So for the gentleman's amusement we include the latest:

The wind has quieted entirely; change is here.

Not one of you can stop the sighing scream

Of troubles that tear and whip the shut-

ters, screaming,

and down. Do you, can you, believe,

that people,

Do not, cannot, see all of your small, petty

WINTER OF NEWS and REPORT (MOSKOV): Revolt covers Russia like a heavy fog. During the

winter Grand Prince Mikhail spread the first tendrils with a nearly successful palace revolution, but Tsar Nikolai escaped and fled north. Now the country is divided with Mikhail supreme in the south and Nikolai ruling in the north. In the middle, as always, are the people. If the royal house is not careful, the next winners may be the people.

Dr. FREDERICK (aka 1900s) "My dear brother-in-law, what a mess you're in!"
answered Nikolai. "I understand the situation and I'm sure that his brother had managed to find
the construction of the ship in the southern dockyards. "Well, Count, what do you think

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of my earlier proposal." "Sire, do you really think it is necessary to ally with Austria and Turkey against Mikhail?" "Yes, Count, I do. I suspect that we shall have to make peace with the Gorman em, too." "Yes, Sire."

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HISTORY OF THE TOUR AND A HALF KILMORONS

V. The Pundschiruk People's Republic

In the latter part of the 5th century a horde of warrior archers entered the Balkan Passes through a mountain pass traditionally called "The Gate of Alexander's Gap" and swarmed over the eastern portions of this remote frontier. Under the leadership of Arpad the Kopted they ravaged the settled portions of the region, the learned to fear the banner of nine donkey bells. Finally the Pundschiruk were defeated by a rare show of unity among the other local peoples; and were confined to approximately their present holdings by the Battle of Baidun Bay, in which the Pundschiruk King Ugrik the Ugly was slain in single combat by Sir Tinky the Purple, the greatest champion of the Knights of the Improbable Table. (Various authorities place this battle anywhere from 945 to 1097, and Dr. A. Otto Hahnst denies that it ever happened.)

Etymologically the Pundschiruk are related to the Hungs, the Magyars, the Turks, the Slavs, the Finns, the Lithuanians, the Ussatians, the Vlachs, and the Georgians, owing to certain customs of noted hospitality in vogue during their ages as wanderers. After a brief interregnum (1015-1345) their domain was occupied by the de Dabachid dynasty, founded by Leo Balas Beyasid Ivan de Dabachid, famous as the only man ever banished from Constantinople on moral charges.

For the next five centuries the Kingdom of Pundschiruk obtained a reputation as the most liberal country in Europe. This was the case not out of any abstract devotion to the principles of liberty by the de Dabachid dynasty, but because Pundschiruk officials were either too lazy or too venal to enforce various laws restricting freedom of speech, religion, association, trade, or travel. Voltaire, who never visited the country, praised it frequently for "the fresh air of liberty which blows continually through its verdant hills and picturesque towns". "And through the holes in its inhabitants' clothes, across the open palms of the officials, and out of the lungs of its consumptives," Friedrich the Great is said to have responded.

With the anti-revolutionary reaction of 1849 in full swing, King Lejos VI decided to tighten up his administration. He did so, to such good effect that within ten years the revolutionary Leo Garbul had translated the words of Marx into Pundschiruk and founded an active revolutionary movement. Successive repressions, odd enough, strengthened the revolutionaries' fervor. When the Habsburgs sent them to the gold mines, from which they smuggled with enough gold to finance a great increase in their activities. Otto the Old ordered them torn in pieces by wild horses, but this simply raised the price of draft horses - whose chief breeder, Bogna Garbul, succeeded her father as a leader of the revolutionary movement.

The success of a revolutionary take-over in 1902 was followed within a few months by a counter-revolution, which split the movement into six factions each of whom blamed the others for the failure. After the Russian Revolution three of these factions joined the Communist International, while the others affiliated respectively with the Socialist International, the Right Menemaldian Christian Marxist Anarchist Brotherhood, and the Royal Secret Police.

After the Stalin-Trotsky split, the Communist Party in Pundschiruk was taken over by the Trotskyite leader Boguslav Garbul, son of Bogna Garbul and the Crown Prince of Goryp. King Eustace the Useless thereupon abandoned the unequal struggle against his own incompetence and turned the government over to General Anagnostopolous, leader of the Right National Iron Fist (SNIF) movement. The effectiveness of the SNIF persecution of the Garbulians can be measured in the fact that membership in the revolutionary organization rose from 700 in 1935 to 16,000 in 1945. A major role in this change was played by General Anagnostopolous' propaganda campaign to identify all opposition to SNIF with Garbulian Communism. After the Revolution, Chairman of People's Committee Nikitav Garbul credited this policy with making the Revolution possible.

Both sides ignored Pundschiruk during World War II - Hitler because he regarded the SNIF government as sympathetic to his own doctrines, and Stalin because he rejected the Garbulians as Trotskyites. (In fact, Soviet troops carefully bypassed Pundschiruk and the whole Balkan Massif during the liberation of the Balkans, lest their own be infected by Trotskyite heresies.)

The Revolution of 1947 overthrew GEF. General Arangopolicus died of shock when the United States refused to send aid on the grounds that Garbul was not a real Communist. The royal family fled into exile; the present pretender is a waiter at the Schlagobers Kaffeehaus in Vienna. Matiaslav Garbul became the new Head of State; he is the son of Bogdanav Garbul and Aleksandra Kollontai.

Although professing the doctrines of Marx, Lenin, Trotsky, and Garbul (whose pictures appear at all public functions) the Pundschirukis have relapsed to many of the ways of life of the monarchy. The implementation of a Marxist economy has been hampered by the fact that the Pundschirukis have never bothered to mint or print their own money, being content to use that of neighboring countries. ("Besides," observed Treasury Minister Ivan Gotny to a reporter over the tables at Monte Carlo, "who of our own people could we trust to run the mint?")

At present Pundschiruk does not maintain diplomatic relations with any Communist state, regarding all of them as fallen away in disavowal from proper Marxist-Leninist-Garbulist principles. It has no diplomatic interest, but it has been rendered ineffective by Police Minister Straussopf's 1967 decree closing all Chinese restaurants and laundries.

Along among the nations of the Balkan Massif, the Pundschiruk People's Republic maintains a space program. However, this program's effectiveness is rather limited by the fact that Pundschiruk astronomy is still taught in the country's sole institution of higher education, the Academy for Trivial and Untrivial Studies.

The country's capital, Grankhup, provides examples of all schools of architecture from degenerate Roumnessian through Low Gothic to Stalinist-Leninism, all in poor states of repair. Most commerce is routed along the Sam River, which is navigable downstream. (No Pundschiruk has ever bothered to determine whether it is navigable upstream.) Principal imports are insufficiently warned tourists, and money obtained by a version of the "Spanish prisoner" swindle which can be traced back to the 11th century; principal exports are air pollution, water pollution, barbaric tracts, and epidemics.

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